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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: AMB. MCHENRY'S MAY 30 DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY

UN INSTITUTE DIRECTOR BOMANI

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY, POLOFF TIERNEY, AND NACH OF AF/S MET
MAY 30 WITH MARK BOMANI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UN INSTITUTE
FOR NAMIBIA AND SWAPO'S LEGAL ADVISOR (HE IS A TANZANIAN
CITIZEN).

2. AFTER MCHENRY EXPLAINED PURPOSE AND RESULTS OF HIS CURRENT
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TRIP, BOMANI DESCRIBED ATTITUDES IN SWAPO TOWARD THE WESTERN
FIVE'S SETTLEMENT EFFORT. ACCORDING TO BOMANI, THE "MEN WHO
ARE DOING THE FIGHTING" (A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO PLAN,
SWAPO'S MILITARY WING) HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN EXERTING A
NEGATIVE INFLUENCE WITHIN SWAPO ON CONSIDERATION OF THE
WESTERN PROPOSAL. WHILE THE CASSINGA RAID MAY HAVE INTENSIFIED
FEELINGS, IT WAS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE PLAN ATTITUDE. IN

ADDITION, BOMANI SAID, "SOME OF THOSE ASSISTING SWAPO" ARE ALSO AGAINST A SETTLEMENT.

3. BOMANI SAID HE HAD HEARD SWAPO MEMBERS MENTION JULY AS A TIME WHEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FIVE MIGHT BE RESUMED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE FOR THE FIVE TO GO OVER THEIR PROPOSAL ON A LINE-BY-LINE BASIS WITH SWAPO SINCE HE FELT THAT THE SWAPO NEGOTIATING TEAM HAD NEVER REALLY DONE SO AND HAD AN INCOMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS. (MCHENRY POINTED OUT THAT SWAPO HAD DECLINED OUR OFFER OF A POINT-BY-POINT ANALYSIS AS WELL AS A UN BRIEFING ON PEACEKEEPING AT THE TIME OF THE FEBRUARY TALKS IN NEW YORK.) AS AN EXAMPLE, BOMANI CITED INQUIRY HE HAD RECEIVED FROM SWAPO AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PUT ALL ADMINISTRATIVE POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. HE TOLD THEM THAT THIS WOULD HAVE INVOLVED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PREPARATION AND WAS SIMPLY NOT PRACTICAL.

4. ON THE UN INSTITUTE, BOMANI SAID THAT WHILE THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF FUNDS, LONG-TERM PLANNING WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY IN KNOWING WHEN IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE INSTITUTE TO AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. IN THE MEANTIME, THE INSTITUTE IS PLANNING TO PLACE ITS GRADUATES IN POSITIONS WITH SEVERAL FRONTLINE GOVERNMENTS (BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA HAVE AGREED) SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO USE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR TRAINING AND GAIN ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE.

5. FOR THE FUTURE, INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA, BOMANI SAID, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PLANNING REMAINS TO BE DONE CONCERNING THE MECHANICS OF GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS THE ROLE OF PLAN.
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